BY MYRA C. GREENLEAF.

The late war had not completed its first year. The shame of Bull Run was fresh in every mind, when Benjamin Colton, the youngest son of an old minister, begged the privilege of enlisting. He was refused The eldest son was doing gallant service as captain of a Missouri cavalry company, having settled in Kansas after the troubles, in which he had taken an active part. The second son was in the navy: a vol unteer when the war first broke out The father had cheerfully given these to the service of their country; had craved God's blessing on the work of their hands; had daily prayed that they might prove 'mighty men of valor' on the field of battle But that Benjamin, the last child of his mother, and she dead these many years, should go, was too much Benjamin was under age, also, being not quite seventoen years old. vain the stripling plead that he co'd outrun, outwrestle, outsleep any man in the village; that he had camped out night after night; had made each of the last four summers a long journey on foot.

The slow days crept on. Benjamin took no interest in his usual occupation. A recruiting officer passed through the place, and had some conversation with him at the Postoffice. It was the early autumn. A few days after the sunny morning brought no cheery salute from Benjamin. He had gene. His father sought him sorrowing; but he was at none of the recruiting stations near at hand, and the old man had no courage to go to those more remote. the sweet, gurgling flow of the So he came home to pray for three brooks of his native mountains in sons in peril, and to be comforted his ear, now singing, "ruin, ruin," by his daughter Irene, a rare, sweet instead of "light and gay, light and Timethy and Cleves Seed.

Weakened by a fever, brought on by exposure to a rainstorm at night more plainly see the extent of the after the arst long march, being mischief. His strong heart only without tent, without overcoat, and possessing a single blanket, Benjamin still went through that slow but- eyes will be larger than ever before, chery of McClellan's summer on the and father's hair thinner. It all whipeninsals, and care ont in a better tened during the war.' condition than most men.

their record of blood, misery, star- um, as far as soaking was concernvation; and when God granted us ed, having evidently tumbled off his the boon of peace, Benjamin looked perch again. forward to a return to his father and sister, to his books and chosen found him.

on, wearily, for the longing he felt a section about eighteen inches long to see his father's silvery head, his from the trunk of a tree about ten sister's patient eyes once more, inches in diameter; sawed longitudiotherwise happily, for was he not lowed out in the thicker portion a still doing good hard service for his cavity sufficiently large to contain hem, fell, bind, cord, braid, seam, quilt, such. rate. no longer needed, it was a pleasure cealed hinges the thinner portion to rush away home, as fast as horse serve as a lid, which was fastened by thread. and steamboat, and railcar could was thrown anywhere. carry him.

He found his father's hair more had put his money and watch into it snowy than when he saw it last, and and thought no more of it. For seven long days they worked in the water waist deep, much of the ed for the safety, and watched for time, before the breach was mended, Warranted for Five Years the coming of some best beloved. Twice they found in the morning the whom duty holds in distant peril.

To go back to Latin quantities, and Recovering his health, he and his of the Machine, in case of accident, Greek particles, after more than six faithfun servant started down the cisely the same stitch made by the Singer, Wheeler years of work, a man among men. was too boyish for him.

Benjamin said:

Father, I'm off again. It is of no The next morning they were near use for me to think of settling down their destination, and he insisted

limbs, strong neck. Throwing one some days during his delirium, and leg forward, his arms upward with the steamer had departed the day clenched fists, looking fit to battle before. With a groan he fell back w. B. B. For the benefit of our Agents we have arwith anything that may come in

man's way, he laughingly said: body, I mean, to fold up at a desk on; then I can get up to town. I'll while the kernel in my forchead gets properly drilled in the 'humanities.' I'm off for Texas, to buy a plantation or a ranche. I think I'll raise cotton. When I can take care of you tens of the waiting letter, not letters,

and Irene, you shall both come out as Benjamin expected. It was writ-and see which you like best, Texas ten by the old physician, the one who or verment, and stay there or come had watched the country years, and had home and try annexation to, and im prevenuent of, your one acre, and the affections; take one, and the affections; take one, and the rest the house that ought to be, but is will fall like a row of bricks." not, a parsonage, just as it suits you The letter mentioned a slight cold taken by Father Colton, while on 'I see, my boy. As you say, it

is of no use. I wished very much pauper, its neglect because of its that one of my sons should follow apparent insignificance; his being my profession. But you all have called too late; only to watch the burning out of the feeble remains o, that It is good blood, true as stee Then that Irene han wilted, like a and I used to think, seeing you at tender vine torn ,rom its support, play, what glorious preachers you and without any disease sunk to rest. would make.

Benjamin had stopped in front of

white hairs of the elder, and went fell back a corpse.

out. Se he went to Texas, bought a plantation, hired a force of freedmen to get his cotton in, and the waited with one faithful old man the time when he should need them fo

The spring had been dry and hot being, a powerful rain came on, extending all the way up the river. All page and table of Con night and day the rain had poured, and at dark the river was rising rap- of the best current periodicle

In the middle of the night, Jim. who slept on the floor in the same com, called out: "Massa, we's in trouble. Peers

ke de water is all over de floor." Benjamin sprang out of bed into water ankle deep. What is it. Jim? Where does all

this water come from?" "Mus be de levy's broke.

"But we can mend it again, Don' worry. We can get a gang of men to work and set it all right. It will be light in an hour. Tumble in here for your location seems to be un

'Can't do dat, massa. . Tank you all de same. Tank God Ise free, but Ise no gentleman to take privileges a gentleman like you will gib. Ise gwine to sie on dese yer stools.'

Soon Jim was asleep, sitting on one stool, with his back against a wall. Unfortunately for him, he was not an acrobat, at least not a somnabulistic one, and he soon fell into PRESE AND NEW

Sleepless Benjamin left his soaked servingman in full possession of the house, and went abread.

Water, water, to his knees, and gay," as in his daily memories of that home and its dear ones. As the light increased, he could

abated one jot of its courageous beating, as he murmured: 'Another year from home. Irene's

Then he set about finding the break, having been joined by Jim, Corn. Onts. Wheat Seeds, etc., The years of the war relled up who was now in a state of equilibri-

They found the break, and master and man looked on in silence. Benjamin was in the habit of plaprofession. But the powers that be cing his pocket-book at night in a had ordered it otherwise, and he re-mained in Texas where peace had try was such that it was quite as safe to have money in some unsuspected place, as in any of the usual de-Nearly three years longer rolled posits of valuables. He had taken nally a third of its thickness; holcountry? When the time that he was a few valuables; replaced with con-

a lock concealed in the wood. This The night before the crevasse he Now it was nowhere to be found.

previous day's work almost washed away, and when at last they succeed-He had now no relish for study - ed, Benjamin was taken with a fever. river on a raft. But the sun was a Wilson, Howe, and Florence Machines. It has Irene had waiting for him, but slept plicated Machines. well so soon as the sun had set.

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his way to the bedside of a dving his old friend's life by lung fever .murmuring a prayer for her brother Benjamin.

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